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Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) Yes e) No.
If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1 and 13.

Identification of prior art discussed: Bowen (US Patent 5,736,369), Zhong (Planta 187: 483-489, 1992), Fry (US Patent 5,631,152), Eudes (US Patent 6,995,016).

Agreement with respect to the claims f) was reached. g) was not reached. h) N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Applicant argued the differences between the Bowen reference and the claimed invention in that the Bowen reference teaches transformation target is meristem tissue and the claimed invention teaches bud tissue; also argued that the Zhong reference does not teach mesocotyl explant but instead teaches shoot tips; argued that the claimed invention teaches many transformation targets wherein the prior art teaches low events.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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